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"Rightly to interpret the present, we must know something of the past."

We reflect the characters of those who have preceded us, and the ties of consanguinity bind us to traits developed in the lives of our ancestors. Hence, a knowledge of them and of their characteristics tends to acquaint us with the probabilities of our own career, and enables us to guard against unworthy proclivities, and to foster those of an opposite nature.

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INTRODUCTION.

SEVERAL years since, the writer became interested in genealogical investigations, particularly of the Hopkins families descended from Thomas, at Providence, from 1641 to 1692, from the fact that his maternal parent bore that name before her marriage, and was one of Thomas' descendants, and having collected considerable material pertaining to the subject, designed embodying it in a chart which might be of use in the preparation of a full genealogy, if at any subsequent time some one interested in the matter should attempt its production. Circulars were freely distributed among those bearing the name, calling for information needed, to which so few responses were given that it appeared evident that only by personal interviews could success be hoped for, and circumstances preventing the adoption of that method, it has been held in abeyance until the present time.

Information relative to one line of descent running from the eldest son of the common ancestor, Thomas, being more

easily attainable, partly on account of its limited numbers and partly from the public prominence of some of them, it appeared possible to arrange a genealogical account of this branch, which is found in the following pages.

The multitudinous sources from which the various particulars have been gleaned precludes reference to authorities, but no claim to originality is based upon such omission, and thanks to all those who have given aid are hereby tendered.

Although it is not claimed that this record is entirely free from errors, great pains have been taken to make it unobjectionable in that particular.

It is well known to those conversant with genealogical investigations, that it is common for discrepancies to occur between different records of the same event, a prominent example of which occurs to the writer at the present time, where four different dates were given in as many different records, of the age of the widow of a prominent individual, deceased in Providence within the present century. Thus the genealogist is not always blamable for erroneous dates gathered from such conflicting accounts.

The writer is aware that doubt or disappointment will rest upon many bearing the name of Hopkins, at not finding their own families represented as descendants of Stephen, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Many, of more than ordinary intelligence, claim to be descended from

him, when investigation proves their claim groundless. This is not to be wondered at, when so large a portion of the people are utterly indifferent to a knowledge of even their near ancestry, it being an exception rather than the rule for persons to be able to give the name of either of their great-grandparents.

Whenever Smithfield, Gloucester, or Scituate are named in these pages in connection with dates earlier than February, 1731; Cranston, June, 1754; Johnston, February, 1759; or Foster, 1781, it is to be understood as applying to the parts of the old town of Providence set off at the dates named to constitute the new towns thus designated. A. H.

Explanations. A number enclosed in parenthesis and placed before a name denotes that the same person is represented in a previous generation by the same number, in the running line of numbers.

The small figure following a name denotes the generation of the person from the first Thomas[1], calling him of the first.

Hopkins names in the tables are given in capital letters, and those one remove from the name, through marriage, are in italics.

One Line of the Hopkins Family.

1. THOMAS HOPKINS[1], the common ancestor of many of the numerous families bearing the name of Hopkins now resident in Rhode Island, and of others scattered through the various states of the Union, was the son of William and Joanna (Arnold) Hopkins. He was born in England, April 7, 1616, and died in Providence prior to Dec. 27, 1692.

A deed given by Maj. William Hopkins, son of Thomas, bearing the last named date, is recorded in Providence Book of Deeds, No. 4, page 11, wherein certain lands are represented as having formerly belonged to William's honored father, Thomas Hopkins, deceased, and as this is a gift deed from William, the elder, to his younger brother, Thomas, prompted probably by a sense of the injustice of the law of primogeniture which gave the property of the parent to the eldest son, it is presumable that the conveyance soon followed the decease of the parent, thus showing the approximate time of his decease as stated.

Savage, in his Genealogical Dictionary, gives the year of his decease as 1699. An error without doubt resulting from the fact of a Thomas Hopkins' will being probated Feb. 25 of that year. The details of the will referred to show conclusively that it was one of some other person bearing the same name.

The mother of Thomas was a daughter of Thomas and Alice (Gully) Arnold. She (Alice) was baptized Nov. 30, 1577. Her brother, William Arnold, born June 24, 1587, was the father of Benedict Arnold, who was the first governor of Rhode Island under the Royal Charter granted in 1643, and ancestor of most of those bearing the name who have had their homes in Warwick, in this State, and a half-brother, Thomas, was the ancestor of those bearing the name among the early settlers of northern Rhode Island. A very numerous posterity of both branches yet exists and honors the name wherever located.

Thomas had a sister Frances, born May 28, 1614, who married William Man, an early settler in Providence, and had two children, Abraham and Mary. Abraham Man was one of the few Providence men who "staid and went not away" during the scare of King Philip's war, and it appears that he was wounded in some encounter with the red men in that memorable struggle, as *Colonial Records*, Vol. 3, page 165, notes the receipt by him of "three pounds in or as money for the cure of his wound [received] in the late Indian war."

Mary Man married a Lapham and had two children, John and Mary. Thomas had also a sister Elizabeth, born July 3, 1619, of whom no further account has been obtained.

He married, probably about the year 1648, judging from the fact that his two sons, said to be his only children, were admitted freemen of the colony in 1672, and assuming that such admission occurred soon after they arrived at a suitable age to entitle them to freemen's privileges.

The name of his wife is at present a matter of conjecture. Savage says it was Elizabeth, daughter of William Arnold, and sister to Gov. Benedict Arnold. If so, he married his cousin. This belief has been heretofore assumed by the writer, but recent publications of genealogical matter pertaining to the Arnold family, and other facts brought to his notice have created a doubt as to its correctness, and much time has been devoted to investigations, made with a view to corroborate the earlier belief, or to substantiate a different opinion, based upon reliable data. Not much satisfaction has resulted from these investigations, but, trusting that further researches may clear up the doubt, it may be well to leave it an open question.*

* This position is taken with some misgivings, from the fact that Gov. Stephen Hopkins, a great-grandson of Thomas, notes in his family record that she was a daughter of William Arnold, and as he was sixteen years old when his grandfather, Maj. William Hopkins, a son of Thomas, died, it appears somewhat presumptuous, at this late day, to question its authenticity. A. H.

He appears to have contributed from his talents to the public weal, having been a Deputy to the General Assembly from Providence for the years 1652, '59, '60, '65, '66 and '67, and a member of the Town Council in 1667 and 1672. His children were:

2. I. WILLIAM[2], b. — ; d. July 8, 1723.
3. II. THOMAS[2], b. — ; d. April 1, 1718.

(2.) MAJ. WILLIAM HOPKINS[2], the eldest son of Thomas, was made a freeman of the colony April 30, 1672. He married about the year 1680, Abigail, widow of Stephen Dexter, son of Rev. Gregory Dexter. She was a daughter of John and Sarah Whipple, early settlers in Providence, having removed hither from Dorchester, Mass., about the year 1659. The major was a man of marked ability, serving the colony both in a civil and military capacity, until advanced age claimed a cessation from public employment.

He was noted as a surveyor of lands throughout the colony, and numerous accounts of his labors in this profession abound in the records.

His home at the time of his decease, and probably for a long time previous, was at Massapauge, a portion of Providence that was included in the part set off to make the town of Cranston in 1754. He died, as before noted, July 8, 1723, leaving a large property, the bulk of which, after provid-

ing for the support of his wife during her widowhood, he bequeathed to his grandson, William. (See Will in appendix.)

His widow survived until 1725, and in her will, made Aug. 19, of that year, she made, among other bequests, certain legacies to her son, John Dexter, and daughter, Abigail Field, children by her first husband. (See Will in appendix.)

The issue of William's marriage with Abigail Dexter, was one son.

4. WILLIAM[3], b. —; d. —, 1738.

(4.) WILLIAM[3], the only child of Major William and Abigail, died in Scituate between the dates of June 11 and Oct. 9, 1738. The first date being that of his will, and the latter, when it was presented for probate. (See Will in appendix.) He married early in life, Ruth, daughter of Samuel and Plaine (Wickenden) Wilkinson. Samuel was a son of Lawrence Wilkinson, an early settler in Providence, and Plaine, a daughter of the Rev. William Wickenden, who succeeded Rev. Gregory Dexter in the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Providence.

Although Scituate has been frequently named as the early home of William and Ruth, circumstances indicate that it was in the vicinity of the home of William's parents, at or near Massapauge.

CHILDREN.

5. I. WILLIAM[4], b. (probably in Cranston) about the year 1705; d. in Providence, Feb. 17, 1755.
6. II. STEPHEN[4], b. in Cranston, March 7, 1707; d. in Providence, July 13, 1785.
7. III. RUFUS[4], b. —; d. —.
8. IV. JOHN[4], b. —; d. Feb. 1, 1755.
9. V. HOPE[4], b. March 3, 1717; d. July 20, 1803.
10. VI. ESEK[4], b. April 26, 1718; d. Feb. 26, 1802.
11. VII. SAMUEL[4], b. —; d. September, 1744.
12. VIII. ABIGAIL[4], b. 1727; d. Jan. 30, 1772.
13. IX. SUSANNA[4], b. 1728; d. Nov. 8, 1745.

(5.) COL. WILLIAM[4], the eldest son of William and Ruth, being the eldest grandson of Major William, and bearing his name, and perhaps also on account of early developing a character calculated to bring credit to the family, the grandsire made him the recipient of a large portion of his estate. He early engaged in a maritime life, and was remarkable for his dash and enterprise, his career being marked by many characteristics of a resolute and reckless nature.

Tradition, which, by the way, is never parsimonious of its gifts, ascribes to him a series of adventures of a quixotic character. It is said of him that, when about nineteen years of age, being in London when a riot was in progress that threatened the safety of the Royal family, he promptly organ-

ized a force of sailors and loyal citizens, under the inspiring cry of "Fall in and protect the King!" and rushing to the onset, quelled the disturbance, to the great gratification of the imperilled dignitaries. For this, it is said, he received many marks of royal favor, among which was the presentation of a court suit, which was for many years in possession of his descendants, who became numerous, and each claiming a portion of it as an heir-loom, it was cut in pieces and distributed among them. A fragment of the coat came into the possession of the late Stephen Randall, who married one of the descendants, and was presented by him to the Rhode Island Historical Society, and is now one of the exhibits of its antique department.

He married Sarah, daughter of ——— and Abigail Curtis, who was born Oct. 31, 1707.

CHILD.

14. Christopher[5], b. —, 1722; d. March 20, 1767.

(6.) Gov. STEPHEN HOPKINS[4], the second child of William and Ruth, was born in Cranston, March 7, 1707, as is shown by a record of his family made by himself Feb. 3, 1754, which sets at rest the oft-repeated account of his birth having occurred in Scituate.

Numerous and abler pens have portrayed the exalted character of Stephen Hopkins, one of the immortal signers of the

Declaration of Independence, and it is not meet for the humble scribbler of these lines to attempt to add to the panegyrics so lavishly bestowed upon him. His praise is upon the lips of every student of history at all conversant with the public records of the period of his active life, and whether in the routine of humble avocations, fitting him by gradual approaches to reach and adorn the highest stations, or at the apex of his exalted positions, his character shines forth with resplendent brilliancy. He was for many years governor of Rhode Island, also chief justice of the Superior Court, and from time to time a recipient of the most important offices in the gift of the colony.

Always steadfast in opposition to the encroachments of the mother country upon the liberties of the colonies, he was ever ready to originate and carry forward measures tending to separation and independence. Though far advanced in life, his signature to the Declaration bears evidence to his firmness of purpose in placing before the world his approval of that document, and the trembling, palsied hand, though it failed to show his ability as a penman known to those familiar with his writing at an earlier period, failed not to perpetuate his name among the heroes that dared brave the despotism attempting to crush out the liberties of their beloved country.

It is not strange that the shafts of political envy should have been hurled at him at a time when personal vituperation

was a common weapon of political warfare, but it is singular that, after the lapse of nearly one hundred and thirty years, one could be found who thought it necessary to revive the personalities of that period, in order to exalt the reputation of an ancestor by whom Hopkins was antagonized, and one whose eminence and public worth needed no invidious comparisons to bolster up his memory among those who were fully cognizant of his many virtues. And as the original attacks did not redound to the credit of those instigating them, and political defeat followed, so this later demonstration among a people fully alive to the merits of both parties, and having in addition a local pride in sustaining the exalted character of Hopkins, was listened to by them with a courteous deference, though they personally disapproved of it, and considered it the emanation of a mind nettled by the thought that the memory of Hopkins was more highly appreciated than that of his opponent.*

An impetus was given to the settlement of the western part of early Providence by a division of the land among the heirs and assigns of the original proprietors, and many found new homes in that region. Among these were many of the Hopkinses.

The second Thomas, who died in 1718, left a family of eight sons and four daughters. Their original home was in Smith-

* Paper read before the R. I. His. Society by Col. John Ward, Dec. 2, 1880.

field, a little west of the Pawtucket or Blackstone River. But as early as 1740 they had all migrated to Scituate, and there settled, and very many of their descendants yet cling to their Scituate and Foster homes, and are now numbered with the inhabitants of these places. Stephen's parents and his own immediate family were among those who made this change of residence, and on the organization of the new town in 1731, they were there and ready to participate in the proceedings incident to its formation.

Stephen, then at the age of twenty-four years, was the first town clerk, a position which he held for several years.

He represented the town in the General Assembly for the years 1732, '33, '35, '36, '37, '38, and '41, after which we find him a representative from his new home in Providence.

It is not the purpose of the writer to follow the particulars of the career of this distinguished individual, for they are interwoven in the memories of all Rhode Islanders who are interested in the contemplation of noble character as shown in a long life of eminent service in their behalf.*

John Adams, who was associated with him in Congress, speaks of him thus: "The pleasantest part of the labors for the four years I spent in Congress, from 1774 to 1778, was in the Committee on Naval Affairs. Mr. Lee and Mr. Gadsden

* For a detailed account of the public life of Governor Hopkins, the reader is referred to *Rhode Island Historical Tract*, No. 9, published by Sidney S. Rider, of Providence, in 1880.

were sensible men and very cheerful, but Gov. Hopkins, of Rhode Island, above seventy years of age, kept us all alive. Upon business, his experience and judgment were very useful. But when the business of the evening was over, he kept us in conversation till eleven and sometimes twelve o'clock. His custom was to drink nothing all day until eight in the evening, then his beverage was Jamaica spirits and water. It gave him wit, humor, anecdotes, science and learning. He had read Greek, Roman and British history, and was familiar with English poetry, particularly Pope, Thompson, and Milton, and the flow of his soul made all of his reading our own, and seemed to bring in recollection in all of us all we had ever read. . . . Hopkins never drank to excess, but all he drank was immediately not only converted into wit, sense, knowledge and good humor, but inspired us all with similar qualities."

The Governor married for his first wife, Oct. 9, 1726, Sarah, daughter of Sylvanus and Joanna (Jenckes) Scott. She was born June 25, 1707, and died Sept. 9, 1753. Her grandfather was John Scott, son of Richard, who is said to have been the first Quaker that settled in Providence. For a second wife he married, Jan. 2, 1755, Anne, widow of Benjamin Smith, and daughter of a Benjamin Smith, father and husband bearing the same name. By her first husband, Anne had four children, one of whom, Benjamin, born Oct. 14, 1744,

was the father of thirteen children. The home of this last Benjamin was at Quinsnaket, in the Arnold neighborhood, in what is now the town of Lincoln. Stephen Hopkins Smith, long and favorably known as a man of prominence in various manufacturing and other industries, was of this family. He was a man of pleasing address, gentlemanly bearing, and much interested in promoting improvements in methods of agriculture and horticulture. Rural excursionists seeking recreation at Goldfish Pond (formerly known as Swan Pond), near his old home, were indebted to him for the improvement of its wild scenery by embellishments attractive and instructive.

The children of Stephen Hopkins and his wife Sarah, were :

15. I. Rufus[5], b. in Cranston, Feb. 10, 1727 ; d. in Scituate, Nov. 13, 1812.
16. II. John[5], b. Nov. 6, 1728 ; d. July 20, 1753.
17. III. Ruth[5], b. Oct. 3, 1731 ; d. April 2, 1735.
18. IV. Lydia[5], b. Jan. 6, 1733 ; d. June 29, 1793.
19. V. Silvanus[5], b. Oct. 19, 1734 ; d. April 23, 1753.
20. VI. Simon[5], b. Aug. 26, 1736 ; d. April 2, 1744.
21. VII. George[5], b. Jan. 11, 1739 ; d. — 1775.

(7.) RUFUS[4]. Little is known of this son of William and Ruth. He was living at the time Maj. William, his grandfather, died, in 1723, and was legatee of a small bequest

from his estate. This is known to have been in possession of his brother William at a later date, and he probably died young.

It may be well to state here that no records found give the dates of birth of Rufus, John, Samuel, Abigail, or Susanna, children of William and Ruth, but approximate dates in the case of a part are made out from grave-stone inscriptions, where date of death is given with years of age. In others, not thus ascertained, their position in the table may not be correctly given.

(8.) Capt. JOHN HOPKINS[4], son of William and Ruth, and brother of the Governor, married Catherine, daughter of the second William Turpin, who died while holding the office of town treasurer of Providence, March 15, 1744. He (John) died at sea, Feb. 1, 1745, and left his widow with three young daughters as follows:

22. I. Ruth[5], b. —; d. —.
23. II. Sarah[5], b. —; d. Oct. 14, 1818.
24. III. Anna[5], b. —; d. Dec. 26, 1823.

Catherine administered upon his estate, and the inventory of his personal property showed a value of 1,938 pounds, 5 shillings, 6 pence. She subsequently married Dr. Job Hawkins, and died Dec. 30, 1749, aged 30 years, 2 months, and 5 days.

(9.) Capt. SAMUEL HOPKINS[4], son of William and Ruth, died at Hispaniola, in the month of September, 1744, probably unmarried. His brother Stephen administered upon his estate, and the inventory of his personal property represented a value of 548 pounds, 9 shillings. Nothing further is known of him by the writer.

(10.) HOPE HOPKINS[4], daughter of William and Ruth, married first, July 8, 1736, Henry Harris, son of Henry, son of Thomas, son of Thomas, the first of the name in Providence, and had by him:

CHILDREN.

25. I. *Lydia*[5], b. 1738; d. Nov. 6, 1822.
26. II. *Ruth*[5], b. April 2, 1740; d. Sept. 16, 1820.
27. III. *Sarah*[5], b. Dec. 7, 1742; d. Dec. 8, 1824.
28. IV. *Susannah*[5], b. Oct. 28, 1744; d. April 29, 1824.
29. V. *Hope*[5], b. May 29, 1746; d. Nov. or Dec., 1799.

Henry Harris died Aug. 6, 1746, and Hope married for her second husband, Sept. 5, 1752, Dr. Job Hawkins, whose first wife was the widow of her brother John.

CHILDREN.

30. VI. *Catherine*[5], b. May 17, 1753.
31. VII. *Henry Harris*[5], b. Feb. 20, 1755.
32. VIII. *Mehetabel*[5], b. Feb. 22, 1757; d. Feb. 14, 1795.

Little has been gleaned from the records relative to Henry Harris, the first husband of Hope, but that he was a man much appreciated is evident from the fact that numerous collateral branches of the family had sons that bore his name to perpetuate his memory.

Of Hope's daughters (25), Lydia[5] married Capt. Joseph Tillinghast, son of Capt. Jonathan, of Newport, and had one son, Henry Harris, who died Feb. 21, 1782, in his twentieth year.

(26.) Ruth[5] married, in February, 1765, Job Smith, son of Daniel and Dorcas (Harris) Smith, a lineal descendant of John Smith, the miller. He was born Sept. 24, 1736, and died Aug. 15, 1818. They had nine children, among whom was Col. Henry Smith, who married, Oct. 19, 1799, Abbie Crawford Allen, daughter of Zachariah. Henry Smith built the Duncan house on Smith's Hill, now (1881) owned by Albert W. Smith. He died June 28, 1818, aged 52 years, and his widow, Sept. 25, 1855, aged 79 years.

Benjamin Smith was another son of Job and Ruth. His home was in the brick end house on Davis Street, Smith's Hill, where he died Dec. 29, 1824, aged 56 years. He married Frances Fosdick, daughter of his aunt Mehetable, who died Dec. 23, 1834, aged 53 years. They had Albert T. F., Benjamin F., Frederick H., and Adeline. They have all passed away, Adeline, who married Abner Gay, Jr., being the last to survive.

(27.) Sarah[5], the third child of Hope, married, Oct. 2, 1768, her cousin, John B. Hopkins, the eldest son of Commodore Esek, and died without issue.

(28.) Susanna[5], the fourth child of Hope, married, Dec. 26, 1772, Capt. Joseph Cooke, son of Gov. Nicholas Cooke. She probably died without issue.

(29.) Hope[5], the fifth child of Henry and Hope Harris, married, Nov. 9, 1771, Col. William Wall. He was one of the nine Providence men who embarked in the enterprise of founding the city of Hudson, on the North River, in 1783. He probably did not long continue a resident of Hudson, as he died at Genesee in July, 1803, his wife having previously deceased at Savannah, Ga., in 1799.

(32.) Mehetable[5], the eighth and youngest child of Hope and her husband Job, married, in January, 1781, Maj. Thomas Fosdick. They settled in Portland, Me., where Mehetable died in 1794, and Thomas in 1801. They had Thomas, who died in 1803, aged 21 years; Frances, before mentioned as marrying her cousin Benjamin Smith, and James W., who settled in Providence and married first, May 1, 1814, Abigail, daughter of Dr. Ephraim Comstock, and second, Jan. 27, 1818, Maria, daughter of Edward Thurber. James W. is remembered by the writer as commander of the first military parade he ever witnessed, in front of the first district school-

house at the north end, in Providence, about the year 1819. He was a man of small stature, with a florid complexion, fine form, graceful movement, and of a true soldierly bearing. He died with a relative of his first wife, in Smithfield, July 21, 1864, aged 73 years.

Hope[4] died, as before noted, July 20, 1803, and was buried in Johnston, which had probably been her home throughout her married life. The following epitaph, copied from her grave-stone, is here inserted to show the laudatory character of the eulogies of that period, prompted by the demise of a good woman.

"Sacred to the memory of Mrs. Hope Hawkins, wife of the late Doct. Job Hawkins, and sister of the renowned statesman and patriot, Stephen Hopkins. She departed this life the 20th of July, 1803, aged 86 years, 4 months, and 6 days.

"This remarkable lady was laudably attentive to practical virtue, and by being ever tenderly moved by the calls of social nature, she administered, within her sphere, succor and comfort when they were most needed. She possessed capacious powers of mind, enriched by study, experience and acute observation, and with cheerfulness of temper her magnanimity of soul displayed itself amid the various trying scenes of her protracted life.

"Faith, Hope, Patience and Charity having been her chosen company, the Peace of God which passeth all understanding

appeared divinely bright to attend her fleeting spirit out of time into eternity.

"Safe are you lodged above these rolling spheres, the baleful influence of whose giddy dance sheds sad vicissitude on all around."

(11.) COM. ESEK HOPKINS[1], son of William and Ruth, early entered upon a sea-going life, and attained to an honorable distinction in his chosen profession.

He married, Nov. 28, 1741, Desire, daughter of Ezekiel Burroughs, of Newport, and making his home there, sailed in command of various vessels until 1755, when he abandoned the sea, and removed to Providence to engage in mercantile pursuits. He subsequently resumed his old profession, and at the outbreak of the Revolution engaged heart and soul with his patriotic compeers in promoting the cause of liberty. The following synopsis of his career in the navy, and in other stations, is mostly copied from Arnold's *History of Rhode Island:*

"August, 1775, he was appointed commander of the garrison at Fox Point, in Providence, on a threatened attack by British ships. In October of the same year he was appointed to the command of a force of 600 men for special service to repel a force from the British fleet on a foraging expedition to the islands of Rhode Island in quest of live stock.

"Later in the same month he was appointed with Joseph Brown, to go through the colony and decide what places should be fortified, and in what manner.

"Oct. 4, 1775, he was commissioned brigadier by Gov. Nicholas Cooke. Dec. 22, 1775, he was confirmed by Congress commander of the first naval fleet organized and equipped by the colonies. He sailed from Delaware Bay Feb. 17, 1776, made a descent on New Providence March 3, and captured the forts with a large amount of military stores and upwards of 100 cannon, with which he sailed for New England.

"April 4, he captured the British schooner 'Hawke,' of six guns, Captain Wallace, and on the 5th, the bomb-brig 'Bolton,' of eight guns. On the 6th, he engaged the frigate 'Glasgow,' of twenty guns, and after an action of three hours she escaped into Newport under protection of the British squadron.

"He was censured by Congress for not following literally his instructions on his southern cruise, and although his whole career as commandant reflected honor to himself and glory to the navy, his enemies finally succeeded in procuring his discharge from the service, which was finally accomplished Jan. 2, 1778."

From long experience as commander in the merchant marine, where the exercise of autocratic power was deemed indispensable, he was not well fitted to brook the restraint

imposed upon him by his new position; and his own judgment ruled his action when in the service of the government, regardless of its effect upon the opinions of others. Hence the hostility to him with the result named.

The records show that after his retirement from the navy he was constantly engaged in duties of a public nature, and no lukewarmness to the cause of his country during her peril resulted from the action of the government in displacing him. The heart of a Benedict Arnold did not palpitate in his breast, but strong devotion to the welfare of his country was ever manifested in his public and private life.

His success in his early calling had resulted in a competency, and on his removal to Providence he invested extensively in real estate, and with a provident management of his resources, he was enabled to provide for his large family without encroaching upon his acquired capital. His Providence home yet stands on the outskirts of the city, and is owned by his descendants.

The children of Esek and Desire were:

33. I. John Burroughs[5], b. Aug. 25, 1742; d. Dec. 5, 1796.
34. II. Heart[5], b. Sept. 1, 1744; d. July 11, 1825.
35. III. Abigail[5], b. Oct. 25, 1746; d. April 25, 1821.
36. IV. Samuel[5], b. Feb. 19, 1748; d. Sept. 22, 1750.
37. V. Amey[5], b. Jan. 26, 1751; d. Dec. —, 1825.
38. VI. Stephen[5], b. March 6, 1753; d. July 3, 1761.

39. VII. Susanna[5], b. May 10, 1756; d. —.
40. VIII. Esek[5], b. June 9, 1758; d. — 1777.
41. IX. Samuel[5], b. —; d. Dec. —, 1782.
42. X. Desire[5], b. May 17, 1764; d. May 20, 1843.

(12.) ABIGAIL[4], daughter of William and Ruth, married Nathan Angell, son of Joseph, son of James, son of Thomas, one of the first settlers of Providence.

CHILDREN.

43. I. *Nathaniel*[5].
44. II. *Susanna*[5].
45. III. *Rosabella*[5], mar. Samuel Chase, Jr.
46. IV. *Samuel*[5].
47. V. *Sarah*[5], mar. Col. Ephraim Bowen.
48. VI. *Abigail*[5].
49. VII. *Nathan*[5], married, Oct. 14, 1787, Amy Kinnicutt, and was father of Joseph K. Angell[6], distinguished for his legal attainments, and author of several valuable works pertaining to his profession, on which high encomiums were bestowed by some of the most eminent jurists of the country.

(13.) SUSANNA[4], the youngest child of William and Ruth, died unmarried at 17 years of age. Her grave, with inscribed headstone, is in the burying-ground with that of her aunt Hope, in Johnston, and she was probably a member of her family at the time of her decease.

(14.) Capt. CHRISTOPHER[5], son of Col. William[4] and Sarah, followed the example set by his father and most of his uncles, by adopting a sea-faring life. He married, May 8, 1750, Sarah, daughter of Judge Daniel and Joanna (Scott) Jenckes.

CHILDREN.

50. I. Daniel[6], b. —; d. May 12, 1815, in his sixty-sixth year.
51. II. Joanna[6], b. —; d. Nov. 21, 1823, in her sixty-fourth year.
52. III. Sally[6], b. —; d. 1792.
53. IV. Christopher[6], b. —; d. —.
54. V. William[6], b. —; d. —.
56. VI. Rufus[6], b. —; d. —.

Christopher's widow married for a second husband, in November, 1772, Ambrose Page. She died July 23, 1812, aged 79 years.

(15.) Rufus[5], the eldest son of Gov. Stephen, early entered upon the activities of a busy life, and was prominent in promoting industries instituted to develop the resources of his native state. His early manhood was spent in maritime pursuits, in which he attained a high rank as a nautical commander. The public life of his father afforded opportunities

for his advancement in political knowledge, and many years of his life were devoted to the service of his town and state.

He filled various positions of trust in the management of affairs connected with the Revolutionary period, was for several years a judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Providence County, and for a season justice of the Superior Court of the State; repeatedly elected to represent Scituate in the General Assembly; and a trustee of Brown University from 1782 until his decease. About the year 1766 he was associated with his father and Messrs. Nicholas, Joseph, John, and Moses Brown and Jabez Bowen, in a project to utilize a bed of iron ore found in Cranston, and the building of Hope Furnace soon followed, in which was cast, among other articles, cannon for use in the army during our struggle for independence.

The bell now in use in the steeple of the First Baptist Church, in Providence, was broken in 1787, and recast at the Hope Furnace. The furnace was located in Scituate, several miles from the bed of ore, and ox teams were used to convey the ore to the furnace. Rufus Hopkins was the managing man of the concern.

He married first, Oct. 13, 1747, Abigail, daughter of John Angell, who died July 21, 1758, aged 27 years, 11 days; and second, Nov. 11, 1759, Sarah, daughter of Capt. Joseph Olney, and sister of Col. Jeremiah Olney. She was born March 31, 1732, and died Oct. 2, 1785.

CHILDREN.

By first wife.

57. I. JOHN[6], b. Oct. 11, 1750; d. Sept. 2, 1754.
58. II. A DAUGHTER[6], b. and d. April 5, 1753.
59. III. SILVANUS[6], b. Sept. 17, 1756; d. Aug. 21, 1757.

By second wife.

60. IV. STEPHEN[6], b. Jan. 1, 1762; d. June 1, 1830.
61. V. SILVANUS[6], b. June 25, 1764; d. Aug. 18, 1821.
62. VI. RUFUS[6], b. Nov. 15, 1771; d. Aug. 29, 1773.
63. VII. JOSEPH OLNEY[6], b. March 20, 1774, d. Jan. 5, 1792.

(16.) CAPT. JOHN HOPKINS[5], the second son of Gov. Stephen, true to the instincts of the family, adopted a sea-faring life, which seemed at that time to afford the best opportunities for advancement in worldly interests, and included in its profession the noblest and most talented specimens of the race. He was master of a sloop called the "Two Brothers," and sailed for Cadiz, Spain, Aug. 3, 1751, and while engaged in coasting from port to port was taken sick with small-pox, at St. Andero, where he died July 20, 1753, aged 21 years, 8 months, and 3 days.

He married Mary, daughter of Robert and Amey Gibbs.

CHILD.

64. HANNAH[6], b. July 21, 1750; d. Feb. 14, 1816.

(18.) LYDIA[5], the fourth child of Gov. Stephen, was born in Scituate. She married, June 5, 1763, as his second wife, Col. Daniel Tillinghast, son of Capt. Joseph Tillinghast, a native of Newport, R. I. He was born June 2, 1732, and died in Uxbridge, Mass., Sept. 18, 1806. He was a prominent citizen of Providence, his adopted home: engaged extensively in the distillery business, and was for a long time colonel of the Providence Artillery Company.

CHILDREN.

65. I. *George*[6], b. Nov. 10, 1764; d. —.
66. II. *John*[6], b. Jan. 2, 1766; d. —.
67. III. *Stephen*[6], b. Sept. 17, 1768; d. Feb. 10, 1841. At one time city treasurer of Providence.
68. IV. *Sarah Scott*[6], b. April 2, 1771; d. Jan. 24, 1783.
69. V. *Silvanus*[6], b. July 19, 1772; d. —.

James Tillinghast, a prominent lawyer of Providence, is a great-grandson of Daniel and Lydia, through (67) Stephen and Charles F. Tillinghast.

(19.) SILVANUS[5], the fifth child of the Governor, was born in Scituate, and almost as a matter of course early entered the line of the family profession, and at the age of eighteen years, had advanced to the position of second-in-command of a vessel that was wrecked on the shore of Cape Breton. The crew attempted to reach Louisburg in a small

schooner, and while passing the island of St. Peter's were surprised by a great number of Indians, in canoes, captured, taken on shore, and barbarously murdered.

The year 1753 was a trying crisis in the life of Governor Hopkins. Within a period of six months he was called upon to part with two sons in the early prime of their manhood, when their prospects for a creditable career of usefulness were of the most flattering character, and the companion of his early joys and sorrows. The circumstances of the death of the sons were such as to intensify his grief for their loss. John, dying in a Catholic country and being a Protestant, his remains were refused a Christian burial, and no greater misfortune could befall a parent than to have a knowledge of the horrible torture and death of Silvanus. His wife, stricken by protracted disease, aggravated by mental prostration induced by her sad family bereavements, died by her own hand, thus filling to overflowing his cup of sorrow. But in the language of another, "the storm at length passed by, and bowed but not broken by its chastenings, he again resumed his duties as a public officer."

(21.) CAPT. GEORGE HOPKINS[5], the youngest child of the Governor, it seems almost superfluous to state, was a seafaring man, and was early engaged in duties of a responsible nature. *R. I. Colonial Records*, vol. vi., page 7, gives the

following: "The Assembly do vote and resolve, and it is voted and resolved that 200 pounds be allowed and paid out of the general treasury unto Mr. George Hopkins, for his time, trouble, and expense in going to and fetching from New York the silver and gold granted by His Majesty to this colony."

This service must have been performed by George before he was eighteen years old, as the resolve passed at the January session in 1757 and his eighteenth birth-day occurred January 22 of the same year.

He was master of a vessel that sailed from Providence for Surinam Nov. 20, 1774, and on the return voyage stopped at Charleston, S. C., and sailing thence for Providence Aug. 25, 1775, was never afterwards heard from.

He married, March 14, 1773, Ruth Smith, a daughter of his father's second wife by her first husband, Benjamin Smith. She survived until March 25, 1812, and died at the age of 66 years and 6 months. They had no issue. (See appendix.)

(23.) SARAH[5], daughter of (8) John and Catherine, married, Aug. 2, 1761, Abraham Whipple, who was born in Providence Sept. 26, 1733. He commanded the expedition that went from Providence on the evening of June 9, 1772, to burn the British schooner "Gaspee," then aground on Namquit Point.

After a distinguished career in the service of his country as commodore in the American navy, he removed to Marietta, Ohio, in 1796, where he died May 29, 1819, having survived his wife, who deceased Oct. 14 of the previous year, aged 78 years.

CHILDREN.

70. I. *Katy*[6], married, in April, 1781, Lieut-Colonel Sproat, of the Massachusetts line.

71. II. *Polly*[6], married, in July, 1789, Dr. Ezekiel Comstock, of Smithfield.

(24.) ANNA HOPKINS[5], sister of the preceding, married first, Dec. 13, 1761, William Metcalf, and second, Esek Esten.

CHILDREN.

By first husband.

72. I. A *daughter*[6], who married Alfred Mann, and had, among other children, William Metcalf Mann[7], who was one of the editors of the Providence *American*, and died March 2, 1817, in his twenty-third year.

By second husband.

73. II. *John*[6], b. April 24, 1775; d. July 7, 1782.

74. III. *Rebecca*[6], b. Nov. 12, 1776; d. Nov. 30, 1856.

75. IV. *Esek*[6], b. Dec. 27, 1778; d. Jan. 11, 1779.

76. V. *Esek*[6], b. Dec. 14, 1779; d. May 21, 1842; married, Sept. 14, 1800, Sarah, daughter of Benjamin

Jenks. She was born Oct. 5, 1782, and died April 29, 1840.

Children: Stephen, Julia Ann, Henry, Thomas, George W., James F., William T., Cornelius, Sarah J., Eliza, Stephen B., and a second Julia Ann.

77. VI. *A daughter*[6], b. Nov. 9, 1781; d. Dec. 1, 1781.

78. VII. *Henry*[6], b. Oct. 22, 1782; d. Nov. 12, 1801.

79. VIII. *Catherine*[6], b. July 8, 1781; d. Jan. —, 1846.

80. IX. *John*[6], b. May 21, 1786; d. June 11, ——; married Emeline ———, and had Nancy, Frances, John, Stephen, and Alonzo.

(33.) Capt. JOHN B. HOPKINS[5], the eldest son of Com. Esek, commanded one of the boats engaged to convey the parties who captured and destroyed the "Gaspee" off Pawtuxet on the evening of June 9, 1772, before alluded to. He followed up this exploit by services of a naval character during the revolutionary period, as is attested by the records from which we quote:

"He commanded the 'Cabot' of 14 guns, in the fleet with his father, the Commodore, and was severely wounded in the action with the 'Glasgow,' previously referred to. June 8, 1776, he was appointed to the command of the frigate 'Warren,' and sailed from Providence on a cruise Feb. 16, 1778, and on the 16th day of April, just two months later, arrived in

Boston with the 'Queen of France,' Capt. Joseph Olney, and the 'Ranger,' Capt. Simpson. These ships had sailed under Capt. Hopkins as senior officer, and had captured a fleet of seven British vessels, one a twenty-gun ship, and six transports with valuable stores, and twenty-four British officers, bound for Georgia. The value of the captured stores was estimated at four hundred thousand dollars. This successful cruise gave great joy to the people."

He married, Oct. 2, 1768, his cousin, Sarah Harris, from which union there was no issue.

(34.) HEART[5], the second child of Esek and Desire, never married, but lived in her father's family until his decease, then with her sister Desire until July 11, 1825, when she died, in her eighty-first year.

(35.) ABIGAIL[5], third child of the Commodore, married Joseph Hawkins, of North Providence.

CHILDREN.

81. I. *Sarah*[6], married first, Charles Leonard, second —— Wilbur.

82. II. *Susanna*[6], married Nehemiah Sheldon, and died in May, 1807, in her thirty-third year.

83. III. *Mary*[6], married, in August, 1795, Elhanan Martin, of Troy, N. Y., a native of Rehoboth, Mass. He died in Troy, July, 1806, and was buried in the

family burying ground in Rehoboth. His widow returned with her family to Rhode Island, and died in Providence, Aug. 31, 1855, in her eightieth year.

CHILDREN: Esek H., LeBaron, Abby Ann, Mary, and Elhanan.

81. IV. *Desire*[6], d. Aug. 25, 1809, in her thirty third year.

85. V. *Henry*[6], married, Oct. 1, 1801, Mary Arnold.

86. VI. *Amey*[6], married, July 12, 1806, Peyton R. Leonard.

87. VII. *Esek Hopkins*[6].

88. VIII. *Joseph B.*[6], married, July 2, 1811, Harriet Angell, daughter of Benjamin.

89. IX. *Harriet*[6].

(37.) AMEY[5], the fifth child of Esek and Desire, married first, in 1777, Dr. John Clarke.

CHILDREN.

90. I. *Stephen Hopkins*[6], b. 1777; d. Nov. 2, 1795.

91. II. *John Hopkins*[6], b. April 1, 1789; d. Nov. 28, 1870. Married second, in October, 1797, Judge John Dorrance, who died June 29, 1813, in his sixty-sixth year. He was a graduate of Brown University in the class of 1774, and afterwards a tutor in that institution.

Dr. Clarke was a resident of New Jersey, and came to Rhode Island in 1777, in connection with Dr. John Barnett.

to superintend the arrangement of a small-pox hospital in North Providence. During his stay here he became acquainted with and married Amey. He subsequently returned to Elizabethtown, N. J., where he died April 27, 1794, leaving his widow and two sons, with whom she returned to her father's home in North Providence. Her son Stephen died at eighteen years of age, but John H. lived to be eighty-one years old, and was prominent in the business and political affairs of Rhode Island. He represented the city of Providence in the State Legislature for several years, and the State in the United States Senate for the term commencing March 4, 1847. In personal appearance it is said he bore a striking resemblance to his grandfather, the Commodore, which he seemed to realize, and amplify by certain peculiarities in dress.

(39.) SUSANNA[5], seventh child of the Commodore, married, in August, 1791, the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Maxcy.

CHILDREN.

92. I. CORNELIA MANNING[6], b. June 11, 1792; married, Jan. 18, 1814, James Gregg, of Columbia, S. C.
93. II. AMEY HOPKINS[6], b. May 1, 1794.
94. III. DESIRE BURROUGHS[6], b. Feb. 19, 1796.
95. IV. ESEK HOPKINS[6], b. May 16, 1799.
96. V. STEPHEN HOPKINS[6], b. Feb. 16, 1801.
97. VI. JONATHAN[6], who was an attorney at law, and died at Autauga County, Alabama, Nov. 19, 1823.

98. VII. Virgil[8], who was killed by the explosion of the great gun on board the U. S. steamship "Princeton," when on an excursion trial trip on the Potomac River, Feb. 28, 1844. The Hon. Abel P. Upshur, Secretary of the Navy, met his death by the same catastrophe. President Tyler was one of the company on board, but escaped injury.

Dr. Maxcy was born in Attleboro, Mass., Sept. 2, 1768, and entered as a student in Brown University, graduating in the class of 1787. He became a tutor in the University, which position he held until 1791, when he was elected pastor of the First Baptist Church in Providence.

In 1792 he was elected to the presidency of the college, and continued to hold the appointment until 1802, when he resigned, to accept the presidency of Union College, at Schenectady, N. Y., and remained there until 1804, when he was invited to take the presidency of South Carolina College, which he accepted, one prompting motive to his decision being that the warmer climate would be conducive to his health, his physical condition seeming to require the change.

He retained the presidency of this last institution until his decease, which occurred at Columbia, June 4, 1820, at the age of 51 years, 9 months, and 2 days.

Dr. Maxcy was almost universally popular in every condition of society in which he was placed.

The exceptions were from narrow-minded and bigoted people who were unable to appreciate a noble and generous nature. The most marked of these cases was shown in an opposition to his appointment to the presidency of Union College on account of the alleged "unsoundness of his theological views," and a quotation from his sermon preached on the death of President Manning was given in support of the accusation. It was as follows:

"The only thing essential to christian union is *love* or benevolent affection. Hence it is with me a fixed principle to censure no man except for immorality. A diversity of religious opinions, in a state so imperfect, obscure, and sinful as the present, is to be expected. An entire coincidence of sentiment, even in important doctrines, is by no means essential to christian society, or the attainment of eternal felicity. How many are they, who appear to have been subjects of regeneration, who have scarcely an entire comprehensive view of one doctrine of the Bible? Will the gates of paradise be barred against these because they did not have the penetrating sagacity of an Edwards or a Hopkins? Or shall these great theologian champions engross Heaven and shout hallelujahs from its walls, while a Priestly, a Price, and a Winchester, merely for a difference of opinion, though pre-eminent in virtue, must sink into the regions of darkness and pain?" All honor to the man who, with strong religious convictions of his

own, would promulgate such liberal sentiments, regardless of the assaults induced by bigotry and intolerance. Shade of Roger Williams sustain such.

(40.) ESEK HOPKINS, JR.[5], the eighth child of the Commodore, graduated at Brown University in the class of 1775, at the age of seventeen years. Very little information concerning him has been gathered, and that little is somewhat confused in the matter of dates. Arnold, in his *History of Rhode Island*, vol. ii., p. 441, says of him: "In July, 1779, he was in command of the privateer 'Lively,' which vessel was previously a British Privateer of ten guns, taken by Col. Talbot in a small sloop called the 'Argo.'" *Colonial Records*, vol. viii., p. 335, notes that he was a prisoner of war at Halifax, having been captured by a British force while acting as lieutenant on board the Providence sloop, and at the December term of the General Assembly in 1777, a resolve was passed that "Major-General Spencer be requested to suffer and permit Lieutenant Otway, who was captured by the State's forces with the British frigate 'Lark,' to be given up in order to redeem said Hopkins from captivity."

Again, the triennial catalogue of Brown University has him starred as deceased in 1777. No record of his father's family seen by the writer (and several have been published) gives the date of his decease, and the most probable conjecture

that can be made in regard to it is, that Arnold was in error in attributing to him the command of the "Lively" in 1779, and that he probably died at Halifax while a prisoner of war in 1777, before an exchange could be made based upon the resolve passed by the General Assembly in December of that year. This assumption is strengthened by the fact that no grave-stone for him is seen in the family burying-ground, while the resting-place of the remains of all the other of the Commodore's sons, except Samuel, who died at sea, are thus identified.

If his decease occurred in 1777, he died at the age of nineteen years, and probably unmarried.

(41.) SAMUEL[5], the ninth child of Esek and Desire, is the only one the date of whose birth is not found in any record known to exist. His next elder brother, Esek, was born in 1758, and his sister, Desire, in 1764, his birth occurring between those dates. He married, in August, 1781, Zerviah Charlotte Lindsey, daughter of Capt. Thomas* and Sarah (Field) Lindsey, and soon after embarked on a voyage in a brig commanded by Capt. Joseph Cooke, son of Governor Cooke, who married his cousin, Susanna Harris. On the

*This Captain Lindsey was probably the one who was master of the sloop "Hannah," and whose manœuvering to escape capture by the "Gaspee" resulted in the grounding of his pursuer on Namquit Point, thus placing her in position to receive the party fitted out for her destruction, before alluded to. Staples' *Annals* gives the name as Capt. Benjamin Lindsey, but *Col. Rec.* has it Capt. Thomas.

return voyage the brig arrived in Boston Jan. 5, 1783, but young Hopkins was not one of her crew. He was lost overboard about a month previous, and all efforts to save him proved unavailing. He left his young wife and infant daughter to mourn his loss.

CHILD.

99. SARAH[6], b. — ; d. Oct. 30, 1860, aged 78 years.

His widow married for a second husband, Jan. 3, 1789, Calvin Wheaton, son of Comfort and Anne Wheaton, and third, Nov. 4, 1804, Capt. Samuel Staples. She died Oct. 26, 1848, aged 88 years.

(42.) DESIRE[5], the tenth and youngest child of the Commodore, married first, in April, 1782, Joseph Angell, son of James. By him she had one daughter.

100. I. *Eliza*[6], b. March 16, 1783; d. Oct. 12, 1860.

The union was not a happy one, and after the birth of Eliza, Desire returned with her child to her father's house. A divorce followed this separation, and July 23, 1791, she married Dr. Samuel Leonard, of Taunton, Mass., a graduate of Yale College in the class of 1773, and a recipient of an honorary degree from Brown University in 1791. By him she had two sons.

101. II. *Esek Samuel Hopkins*[6], b. Oct. 9, 1794; d. Dec. 19, 1834.

102. III. *John Burroughs Hopkins*[6], b. Sept. 16, 1797; d. March 18, 1853.

Mr. Leonard died in Taunton, Aug. 20, 1807, in his fifty-seventh year, and Desire again returned to the old homestead in North Providence with her family, and assumed control of the estate, her parents and brothers having previously passed away.

Her sons both graduated at Brown University in the class of 1814, and Esek S. H., went into the apothecary business, and located in the basement of the old Manufacturers' Hotel, fronting Market Square, in Providence, the site of which is now covered by the What Cheer Building. He was always in delicate health, and went to Indian Key, East Florida, in hope of recuperating it in that more genial clime, where he died, and from whence his remains were removed and interred in the North Burying-Ground, in Providence. He was unmarried.

John B. H. Leonard never married, but lived with his mother, and managed the homestead estate.

He was a quiet, unobtrusive man, and much respected in the community. A marble bust of him, sculptured by a Providence artist, George O. Annable, has recently been presented

to the Rhode Island Historical Society, which is an excellent likeness of the original.

At the decease of his mother, the many acres of the homestead farm had greatly increased in value, owing to its close proximity to large manufacturing establishments and the general spread of population, the fee of which rested in him and his half-sister Eliza, by inheritance. John also owned real estate in Taunton, inherited from his father. Both being childless, they made wills, each bequeathing to the survivor their entire property. John died first, and Eliza, though possessed of a large fortune, like many others who never realized an actual want, conceived herself poor, and probably suffered as much from the impression as though it was an actual fact. She grew morose and fretful, and seemed to have no sympathy for any of her kindred. In her will, made subsequent to the death of John, she bequeathed to two Baptist churches her entire property, giving that part of it situated in Taunton to a church society there located, and the balance, situated mostly in North Providence, to the First, or Charitable Baptist Society, in Providence. She left many relatives who were deserving of consideration, but she ignored them all in the final disposal of her large wealth. Her extreme aversion to recognize them, prompted a united effort to render the will null and void, which, after three trials, was successful, the verdict of the jury resting upon the ground of the

insanity of the testator. On the first two trials the jury were unable to agree.

The writer cannot pass from the consideration of this family without bestowing a brief tribute to the memory of Desire Leonard. Being distantly allied in kinship, and circumstances requiring frequent visits to her home on errands of a character calculated to draw out the workings of a sympathetic heart, she was always found ready to respond in a manner that proved the true inwardness of her being to be based upon love to all, and a desire to ameliorate the condition of the unfortunate and afflicted. The epitaph on the grave-stone of her aunt Hope, previously noted, in all its essential points would aptly apply to her character.

As the decease of all of the Commodore's sons preceded his own, and all died without male issue, with his own demise the Hopkins name ceased to exist in this line, except for a brief period in the single instance of Sarah, the daughter of his son Samuel, thus cutting off the perpetuity of this branch of the Hopkins family, though numerous descendants through marriage of his daughters are yet living in Rhode Island and elsewhere.

(50.) DANIEL[4], son of (14) Christopher and Sarah, was a farmer, and lived in North Providence. He married, Sept. 4, 1774, Susanna, daughter of John and Ruth Wilkinson. She died March 5, 1830, in her seventy-third year.

CHILDREN.

103. I. Deborah[7], b. Dec. 28, 1775; d. Oct. 29, 1854.
104. II. Christopher[7], b. —, 1776; d. May 16, 1824, unmarried.
105. III. William[7], b. June 30, 1779; d. April 23, 1815.

(51.) JOANNA[6], second child of (14) Christopher and Sarah, married, in January, 1778, Nicholas Cooke, Jr., son of Governor Cooke.

CHILDREN.

106. I. *Sarah H.*[7], b. Oct. 7, 1778.
107. II. *Nicholas*[7], b. Oct. 19, 1780; d. Nov. 15, 1851.
108. III. *Maria*[7], b. Aug. 18, 1782; d. Oct. 9, 1783.
109. IV. *Jeremiah O.*[7], b. Jan. 30, 1784.
110. V. *Mary L.*[7], b. July 31, 1786; d. Jan. 23, 1787.
111. VI. *Daniel S.*[7], b. May 18, 1789.
112. VII. *John*[7], b. Oct. 14, 1792; d. May 16, 1858.
113. VIII. *Abigail S.*[7], b. Oct. 9, 1795; d. Jan. 10, 1851.
114. IX. *William H.*[7], b. Feb. 14, 1798; d. Aug. 6, 1862, married, Aug. 31, 1825, Caroline, daughter of John Jenckes, of Smithfield.

(52.) SALLY[6], third child of (14) Christopher and Sarah, married, Oct. 3, 1776, Daniel Smith, son of William and Abigail Smith. He was born April 9, 1757, and died April 29, 1780.

CHILDREN.

115. I. *Abigail*[7], b. Sept. 8, 1777, d. May 8, 1792.
116. II. *William H.*[7], b. Sept. 16, 1778, d. May 22, 1834.

(60.) STEPHEN[6], fourth child of (15) Rufus, resided in Providence. He married, Jan. 30, 1785, Mary, daughter of Capt. William and Lydia Rodman. She died Feb. 22, 1849, aged 86 years.

CHILDREN.

117. I. GEORGE[7], b. Nov. 21, 1785; d. March 5, 1796.
118. II. RUFUS[7], b. July 13, 1787; d. Nov. 5, 1787.
119. III. RUFUS[7], b. Aug. 15, 1788; d. Nov. 9, 1817.
120. IV. WILLIAM R.[7], b. Feb. 21, 1790; d. June 21, 1790.
121. V. LYDIA[7], b. July 2, 1791; d. Aug. 16, 1791.
122. VI. JOSEPH R.[7], b. July 9, 1792; d. March 9, 1793.
123. VII. LYDIA[7], b. July 9, 1792; d. Nov. 28, 1793.
124. VIII. JOHN G.[7], b. Feb. 21, 1794; d. March 21, 1875.
125. IX. SOPHIA[7], b. Aug. 14, 1796; d. March 11, 1801.
126. X. MARY E.[7], b. Nov. 11, 1798; d. Feb. 14, 1872.
127. XI. GEORGE W.[7], b. Feb. 21, 1800; d. Sept. 24, 1800.
128. XII. HARRIET A.[7], b. Oct. 26, 1801; d. Feb. 22, 1879.
129. XIII. STEPHEN[7], b. April 25, 1803; d. Sept. 12, 1803.

Of this numerous family of thirteen children, only four lived to mature age, and of the four, only John G. and Harriet A. married and had families.

(61.) Col. SILVANUS HOPKINS[6], the fifth child of (15) Rufus, married Mary, daughter of Capt. Peter and Elizabeth (Gardner) Wanton. He was for many years a resident of Scituate, and engaged in the manufacture of cotton goods. A respected citizen of Providence, whose residence during his youth and early manhood was in Scituate, speaks in the highest praise of the character of the Colonel and his family. They were regarded as sustaining an enviable position in society, which they were entitled to by their courteous deportment and unswerving integrity.

About the year 1819, the family removed to Washington Village, Coventry, R. I., and Silvanus became cashier of the "Bank of Kent" there located. They subsequently removed to Norwich, Conn., where he died Aug. 18, 1824, and his widow the 28th of the same month, in her sixty-first year.

CHILDREN.

130. I. Sarah Olney[7], b. — ; d. June 1, 1821, in her twenty-ninth year.

131. II. Joseph Olney[7], b. Jan. 22, 1794; d. Dec. 1, 1841.

132. III. William Wanton[7], b. — ; d. Nov. 24, 1824, aged 26 years.

133. IV. Samuel Snow[7], b. — ; d. Oct. 16, 1826, aged 26 years.

134. V. Edward A.[7], b. July 4, 1802; d. Sept. 16, 1836.

135. VI. George Silvanus[7], b. Dec. 3, 1804; d. Dec. 12, 1863.

(64.) HANNAH HOPKINS[6], daughter of (16) John and Mary, married, March 29, 1767, James Burrough, of Providence.

CHILDREN.

136. I. *John H.*[7], b. —; buried April 3, 1770.

137. II. *John H.*[7], b. —; buried Jan. 21, 1771.

138. III. *Amey W.*[7], born about 1772, married Henry C. Jones, and died at Charleston, S. C., Nov. 3, 1795, in her twenty-fourth year.

139. IV. *George H.*[7], b. —; d. Nov. 13, 1807, aged 33 years.

140. V. *Hannah*[7], b. —; d. unmarried.

141. VI. *William*[7], b. —; d. —; Married Magdelina Van Rensselaer, daughter of the Patroon of Hudson.

142. VII. *Gustavus James*[7], b. —; d. —; married in New Orleans.

143. VIII. *Caroline*[7], b. —; d. March 28, 1850.

144. IX. *Sidney H.*[7] (Capt.), b. —; d. in Richmond, Va., Oct. 24, 1821, aged about 40 years; married at Philadelphia in 1809, to Elizabeth, daughter of John Dunlap, of Philadelphia.

145. X. *Edward*[7] (Capt.), b. —; d. in Providence, Oct. 27, 1821, aged 40 years.

146. XI. *Cornelia*[7], b. —; d. —.

147. XII. *Sarah*[7], b. —; d. July 21, 1850.

The foregoing list may not indicate the exact order of the births.

(99.) SARAH[6], daughter of (41) Samuel and Zerviah C. Hopkins, married, March 22, 1801, Gen. Joseph Hawes. He was born in Dedham, Mass., but spent most of his life in North Providence, living in the prominent mansion situated near the Corliss Steam Engine Company's works, and in the immediate vicinity of the old homestead of Sarah's grandfather, Commodore Hopkins. He was engaged in mercantile pursuits, having a store on West Water Street (now Dyer Street), in Providence, also in manufacturing, operating a cotton-factory in Rehoboth or Seekonk, Mass.

CHILDREN.

148. I. *Joseph*[7], b. —; d. Aug. 24, 1864, aged 60 years.
149. II. *Gustavus*[7], b. —; d. —.
150. III. *Sophia Charlotte*[7], b. —; d. —; married, Jan. 11 1831, George West.
151. IV. *Sarah Hopkins*[7], b. —; married, June 18, 1833, Geo. J. Harris.
152. V. *Harriet Newell*[7], b. —.
153. VI. *Elizabeth Bowen*[7], b. —.
154. VII. *Samuel Hopkins*[7], b. —; d. April 1, 1824, aged 3 years.
155. VIII. *Amey*[7], b. —.
156. IX. *Susannah Maxey*[7], b. —.

(103.) DEBORAH[7], daughter of (50) Daniel and Susannah Hopkins, married Smith Arnold, of Smithfield.

CHILDREN.

157. I. *Joanna H.*[8], b. March 19, 1792; d. Sept. 29, 1820; married Foster Peck, and had Susan[9], who married John Barnes, and Foster S.[9], who married Marcy W. Randall, daughter of Daniel Randall.

158. II. *Daniel*[8], went South, married and settled there, and died, leaving descendants now resident in Atlanta, Ga.

159. III. *Susan Hopkins*[8], b June 18, 1797; married, Oct. 12, 1831, Stephen Randall, and died without issue, Feb. 10, 1870.

160. IV. *Ann M.*[8], b. April 20, 1800; d. March 3, 1875; married LeBaron Martin, son of Elhanan and Mary H. Martin, who was born in Troy, N. Y., Feb. 9, 1800, and died in Providence, June 25, 1872.

CHILDREN.

1. Joanna Arnold Cooke[9].
2. Infant son[9].
3. Ann[9].
4. Smith Arnold[9].
5. Mary Temple[9].
6. Ann Brown[9], married Curtis W. Dexter.
7. Crawford Smith[9], married Alice S. Luther.

8. Deborah Hopkins[9], married George W. Cornell.
9. Elhanan[9], married Mary Emma Foster.
10. Plaine Wickenden[9].
11. Susannah Arnold[9], married Allen Burt.

(105.) WILLIAM[7], son of (50) Daniel[6] and Susannah, married Lucina, daughter of Benjamin Jencks. She was born Jan. 20, 1781, and died Oct. 12, 1846.

CHILDREN.

161. I. Ruth Angell[8], b. April 12, 1802; d. Aug. 17, 1871.
162. II. John W.[8], b. Sept. 15, 1805; d. April 2, 1807.
163. III. William H.[8], b. May 10, 1807; d. March 6, 1848.
164. IV. Stephen J.[8], b. Jan. 29, 1809; d. Feb. 4, 1833.

None of William and Lucina's children married, and on the decease of Ruth, in 1871, the Hopkins name in the line descended from Col. William, brother of the Governor and the Commodore, disappeared, leaving only the descendants of the Governor's son Rufus, who are of limited numbers, to engage our attention in concluding this work.

(124.) JOHN G.[7], son of (60) Stephen and Mary, was born and died in Providence. He married, Oct. 15, 1820, Rosamond S. Dawless, who died May 13, 1872, aged 73 years, 7 months, and 19 days.

CHILDREN.

165. I. George William[8], b. July 13, 1821.

166. II. Henry Rogers[8], b. Nov. 23, 1823.

167. III. Ann Elizabeth[8], b. Aug. 11, 1828; d. Sept. 14, 1861.

168. IV. Mary Rodman[8], b. Feb. 19, 1831; d. Feb., 1839.

169. V. Stephen[8], b. Sept. 24, 1837.

(128.) HARRIET A. HOPKINS[7], daughter of (60) Stephen and Mary, married Elisha C. Wells, son of Palmer Wells. He was born Feb. 14, 1798, and died Oct. 20, 1864.

CHILDREN.

170. I. Elizabeth[8], b. Aug. 28, 1823; d. Sept. 10, 1823.

171. II. Elizabeth[8], b. June 22, 1825; d. March 1, 1826.

172. III. William R.[8], b. Sept. 9, 1826; d. Jan. 26, 1846.

173. IV. Charlotte C.[8], b. March 7, 1829; married, Oct. 16, 1851, Thomas A. Sweetland, who was born Feb. 14, 1829.

174. V. Elisha C.[8], b. Jan. 10, 1832; d. March 3, 1832.

175. VI Harriet A.[8], b. March 12, 1833; d. Feb. 15, 1834.

176. VII. Elisha C.[8], b. Dec. 21, 1834; d. Sept. 21, 1853.

177. VIII. Mary E.[8], b. Feb. 2, 1838; d. at Springfield, Mass., March 20, 1869; married, Nov. 19, 1861, George W. Tapley; had one son, William Wells[9], b. Aug. 8, 1867.

(131.) JOSEPH OLNEY HOPKINS[7], son of Col. Sylvanus and Mary, married, Jan. 1, 1818, Lydia P. Hazen. She was born Nov. 19, 1792, and died Jan. 17, 1866.

CHILDREN.

[All born in Norwich except Charles W., who was born in Bozrah, Conn.]

178. I. Joseph W.[8], b. Dec. 3, 1819; d. Sept. 25, 1820.
179. II. Henry Hunt[8], b. Oct. 18, 1821.
180. III. Sarah Olney[8], b. March 17, 1824.
181. IV. Jane Elizabeth[8], b. June 7, 1827.
182. V. Samuel Snow[8], b. Jan. 9, 1830.
183. VI. William W.[8], b. Jan. 9, 1830; d. Nov. 27, 1833.
184. VII. Charles Wesley[8], b. May 29, 1833.

(132.) WILLIAM WANTON HOPKINS[7], son of Col. Silvanus and Mary, married, Dec. 25, 1822, Jane Webb. No issue. His widow subsequently married John Hebard, and is now (1881) a widow, residing in Norwich.

(133.) Capt. SAMUEL SNOW HOPKINS[7], son of Col. Silvanus and Mary, married at New London, in October, 1824, Elizabeth P. Brooks, of New London. His residence at time of marriage was at Providence, R. I.

He was master of ship "Louisa," and died at Havana, Island of Cuba, Oct. 16, 1826.

(134.) Capt. EDWARD AUGUSTUS HOPKINS[7], son of Col. Silvanus and Mary, was born in Scituate, R. I., and died in New Hartford, Conn. He married in Norwich, Jan. 16, 1825, Elizabeth Carter. She was born in Exeter, N. H., Jan. 16, 1806, and died in Fall River, Mass., Sept. 24, 1877.

CHILDREN.

185. I. Mary Wanton[8], b. Jan. 9, 1827; d. July 21, 1881.

186. II. Elizabeth Gilman[8], b. Nov. 4, 1830.

187. III. Edward Augustus[8], b. in Norwich, Sept. 24, 1833, served in the war of the great Rebellion, and died unmarried, while in the U. S. naval service, Jan. 3, 1866.

188. IV. Melissa Metcalf[8], b. Aug. 1, 1835.

(135.) GEORGE SILVANUS HOPKINS[7], son of Col. Silvanus and Mary, was born in Scituate, R. I., and died in Colchester, Conn.

Married first, Sept. 15, 1832, Esther (Rose) Cooley, who died Jan. 23, 1838, aged 29 years. Married second, Sept. 1, 1843, Dianthia Robinson, who died Dec. 7, 1850, aged 48 years.

CHILDREN.

By first wife.

189. I. William W.[8], b. Oct. 1, 1833; d. Aug. 7, 1850.

190. II. Frederick Ferdinand[8], b. Feb. 17, 1836.

191. III. Mary Esther[8], b. Sept. 21, 1837.

By second wife.

192. IV. George Warren[8], b. April 1, 1844.

(165.) GEORGE WILLIAM HOPKINS[8], son of (124) John G. and Rosamond S., born and resides in Providence; married, Nov. 26, 1844, Maria, daughter of Samuel and Asenath (Lewis) Angell. She was born in Warren, R. I., Sept. 25, 1821, and died in Providence, Feb. 24, 1879.

CHILDREN.

193. I. Ellen Maria[9], b. Jan. 31, 1846, a teacher in one of the public schools in Providence.

194. II. Charlotte Elizabeth[9], b. Sept. 2, 1847.

195. III. George W., b. and d. Feb. 1, 1851.

(166.) HENRY R. HOPKINS[8], son of John G. and Rosamond S., married, Nov. 28, 1850, Seraphina V. Williams, and has resided for several years at Pawtucket, R. I.

CHILDREN.

196. I. Charlotte Emma[9], b. Feb. 9, 1853; d. July 16, 1871.

197. II. Harriet Rosamond, b. Sept. 5, 1856.

(167.) ANN ELIZABETH HOPKINS[8], daughter of John G. and Rosamond S., married, March 13, 1851, Edward Cory.

CHILDREN.

198. I. *Edward*[9], born Oct. 20, 1851; married Kate Battey.
199. II. *William Henry*[9], b. Dec. 15, 1853; d. Oct. 11, 1859.
200. III. *Mary Rodman*[9], b. Feb. 14, 1856; married, Oct. 25, 1876, Earl P. Mason, of Fall River, Mass.
201. IV. *Herbert Manton*[9], b. Dec. 19, 1858.

(169.) STEPHEN HOPKINS[8], son of John G. and Rosamond S., resides in Providence. Married, in Springfield, Mass., Nov. 28, 1876, Margarette E. Lee.

(179.) HENRY HUNT HOPKINS[8], son of (131) Joseph O. and Lydia P., married, Nov. 20, 1842, Lucy L., daughter of Nathaniel H. and Phebe L. Sherman. She was born March 8, 1824.

CHILDREN.

[All born in Preston, Conn., except Joseph H., who was born in Norwich.]

202. I. JOSEPH H.[9], b. Aug. 12, 1843.
203. II. HENRIETTA T.[9], b. Sept. 7, 1852.
204. III. WILLIAM H.[9], b. April 2, 1856; d. Oct. 28, 1870.
205. IV. JENNIE S.[9], b. Jan. 21, 1857.

(180.) SARAH O. HOPKINS[8], daughter of Joseph O. and Lydia P., married, Oct. 9, 1844, George H. Martin.

CHILDREN.

[All born in Norwich.]

206. I. *Estelle Hazen*[9], b. Aug. 27, 1846, married, Oct. 14, 1875, Lucius Tuttle. Have Effie Estelle, born in Hartford, Conn., Jan. 13, 1879.

207. II. *George Edward*[9], b. Jan. 27, 1851, graduated at Yale College, and entered the ministry. Is now (1881) settled at Brattleboro', Vt.

208. III. *Lillian Sarah*[9], b. May 29, 1858; d. July 2, 1868.

(181.) JANE ELIZABETH HOPKINS[8], daughter of Joseph O. and Lydia P., married, June 23, 1844, William Lamphere.

CHILDREN.

209. I. *Jane Elizabeth*[9], b. July 3, 1845; married, at Norwich, Dec. 21, 1871, Jacob Morrill Currier.

210. II. *Lydia Melissa*[9], b. Jan. 15, 1850; married, Dec. 1, 1869, Rufus Franklin Hill, at Norwich.

Have, 1. Mary Elizabeth[10], b. June 24, 1870.
2. William Franklin[10], b. Sept. 21, 1871.
3. James McKenzie[10], b. Sept. 1, 1872.
4. Harry Hopkins[10], b. Sept. 6, 1875.

211. III. *Gertrude Hopkins*[9], b. Oct. 19, 1858.

(182.) SAMUEL SNOW HOPKINS[8], son of Joseph O. and Lydia P., married, Nov. 30, 1852, Amanda Lucy Dow. She was born in Manchester, Conn., March 30, 1834.

CHILDREN.

[All born in Norwich.]

212. I. ALICE LOUISE[9], b. March 2, 1857; married, May 5, 1880, Henry Richardson Wood, of Melrose Highlands.

213. II. JESSIE DOW[9], b. Jan. 21, 1867.

214. III. LOUIS ALBERT[9], b. Dec. 24, 1875.

(184.) CHARLES WESLEY HOPKINS[8], son of Joseph O. and Lydia P., is a member of the "Hopkins & Allen Manufacturing Company," engaged in the manufacture of fire-arms of various kinds at Norwich, Conn.

He married, June 11, 1856, Ann Amelia Beach, daughter of William S. and Lucy S. Beach. She was born in Glastonbury, Conn., Sept. 3, 1834.

CHILD.

215. CHARLES LESLIE[9], b. at Norwich, Jan. 15, 1861.

(185.) MARY WANTON HOPKINS[8], daughter of Capt. Edward A. and Elizabeth, married, Jan. 11, 1843, David Macaffree.

CHILDREN.

216. I. *William Edward*[9], b. June 20, 1845.

217. II. *Mary Elizabeth*[9], b. July 26, 1848; d. June 8, 1853.

218. III. *Lanette Hopkins*[9], b. March 31, 1850.

219. IV. *Evelina Wanton*[9], b. July 4, 1852; d. Feb. 4, 1879; married, Dec. 18, 1876, Charles T. Bliss, of Newport.

220. V. *Emma Elsie*[9], b. Nov. 13, 1855; married, Jan. 2, 1879, Alfred White.

221. VI. *George W.*[9], b. Feb. 22, 1858.

222. VII. *Carrie Cornelia*[9], b. Dec. 31, 1860; d. Sept. 8, 1879.

223. VIII. *Lizzie Gertrude*[9], b. Dec. 18, 1862.

224. IX. *David L.*[9], b. Aug. 27, 1865.

(186.) ELIZABETH GILMAN HOPKINS[8], daughter of Capt. Edward A. and Elizabeth, was born in Norwich, and after the decease of her father at New Hartford, removed with her mother's family to Fall River, Mass., where she now resides. She married, Jan. 18, 1854, Earl P. Bowen, son of Earl P. and Julia A. Bowen, who was born in Bristol, R. I., Nov. 24, 1832.

CHILDREN.

225. I. *Mary*[9], b. Aug. 27, 1856; d. Sept. 22, 1857.

226. II. *Edward Augustus*[9], b. Sept. 29, 1859.

227. III. *Frank W.*[9], b. June 11, 1865; d. March 30, 1867.

Mr. Bowen is an inspector in the Custom House at Fall River, and the son, Edward A., is in the insurance business.

(188.) MELISSA METCALF HOPKINS[8], daughter of Capt. Edward A. and Elizabeth, was born in New Hartford. She married, May 7, 1862, Charles W. Hawkins, son of William H. and Harriet (Thurber) Hawkins. He was born in Fall River, Nov. 29, 1835, and now resides there.

CHILDREN.

228. I. *Harry Angell*[9], b. June 1, 1864; d. Jan. 29, 1869.
229. II. *Edward Lee*[9], b. Feb. 18, 1866.
230. III. *Ida Pooler*[9], b. Nov. 13, 1868.

(190.) FREDERICK FERDINAND HOPKINS[8], son of (135) George S. and Esther, was born in Norwich, now resides in Worcester, and is engaged in the insurance business. He married, Jan. 1, 1857, Sarah M. Lewis, who was born in Norwich.

CHILDREN.

231. I. Herbert P.[9], b. June 25, 1858. Is a conductor on the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad.
232. II. Edward Earle[9], b. Aug. 26, 1860. A student at Harvard Medical College.
233. III. Marion A.[9], b. June 16, 1862; d. Aug. 5, 1864.
234. IV. Frederick S.[9], b. Dec. 11, 1864. A student at Worcester High School.

(192.) GEORGE WARREN HOPKINS[8], son of George S. and Dianthia, married and moved West, and have

235. One daughter.

(194.) CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH HOPKINS[9], daughter of George W. and Maria, married, Oct. 25, 1870, Charles A. Waterhouse, son of Charles H. and Elizabeth S. G. Waterhouse. He was born in Providence, May 25, 1845.

CHILD.

236. *George Hopkins*[10], b. Aug. 2, 1872.

Conclusion.

In concluding this brief genealogy it may be well to note the fact of the dropping off, one after another, of the different families without leaving male issue to perpetuate the name of Hopkins in this line; until, at the present time, there can be counted only fourteen who possibly, and six who probably, can be relied on to prevent its extinction altogether. It is hoped that these may appreciate the duty devolved upon them of preventing such a finale of so illustrious an ancestry.

A. H.

APPENDIX.

WILL OF MAJ. WILLIAM HOPKINS.

I WILLIAM HOPKINS, of the town of Providence, Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, in New England, Yeoman: being now sick and weak of body, but through mercy, of sound disposing mind and memory, praise be given to God for the same; do make this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following.

First and principally I commit my spirit into the merciful hands of Almighty God, my Creator; and my body, commit to the earth to be decently buried; at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter named; and as to the outward and worldly estate that the Lord has been pleased to bless me with, I give and bequeath as followeth.

Imprimis — I give and bequeath unto my grandson, William Hopkins, of Providence, all that my homestead, meadows and tenements where I now dwell, situated in Providence aforesaid, near to a place called Massapauge, with my mead-

ows at Massapauge, and upland thereto adjoining, and a piece of upland laid adjoining to Pawtuxet line and on the east side of my said Massapauge meadow. All which lands and meadows are, in estimation, two hundred acres; upon the conditions following.

That he shall allow his grandmother, my wife, Abigail Hopkins, one convenient room in my dwelling house, and to find and provide for her a sufficient maintenance and attendance, both in sickness and health, during the term of her natural life, provided she remains a widow; and if she be not contented to dwell with him, then my will is that he shall maintain her at some other place, which she may choose.

And my will further is, that my said grandson shall not sell nor dispose of said lands nor meadows nor no part of said tenements until after my wife, his said grandmother is deceased.

And also my will is and I do hereby order that he shall allow as I do hereby give and bequeath unto his brother, my grandson, Rufus Hopkins, one load of salt grass, in my meadows, which I give him my said grandson, William, yearly, every year during the term of his natural life; after he my said grandson Rufus shall attain to the age of twenty-one years; that is to be understood that my said grandson Rufus, shall have liberty to cut so much grass in my said meadows as shall yield him two loads of hay yearly; upon which condi-

tions I give and bequeath to my said grandson, William Hopkins, my dwelling house with all my above mentioned lands and meadows, to have and to hold unto him, his heirs, Execu tors, Administrators and assigns, with the privileges and appurtenances forever.

Item.—I give and bequeath unto my grandson, Rufus Hopkins, my house lot of land which was laid out upon my own right, upon the hill called Stampers Hill, in said Providence, and was laid out in the last division of house lots in said town; and also all my whole right in the commons, called the Stated Commons, in Providence aforesaid.

To have and to hold the said lots of land and commons, with the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto him my said grandson Rufus Hopkins, his heirs, Executors, Administrators and assigns forever.

Item — I give and bequeath unto my son William Hopkins, all that farm of land and meadow adjoining, whereon he now dwells, with the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, for him to give and dispose of to and among his children as he shall see cause; and all the rest of my lands and commons which I have not hereinbefore disposed of, either within this town of Providence or elsewhere, I give and bequeath to my aforesaid son William Hopkins, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators and assigns forever.

Item — I give and bequeath unto my grandson, William

Hopkins, one feather bed and furniture thereunto belonging; and also one Cow, I having before given him a Heifer.

And as to the rest of my goods and moveable estate, be it of what sort and kind soever, I give and bequeath; after debts, funeral expenses and other expenses are duly paid, unto my wife Abigail Hopkins, for her to dispose of as she shall see cause, amongst my children and grandchildren; except what she brought with her, and that she may do with as she will.

And I now ordaine and appoint and make my said loving wife Abigail Hopkins, sole Executrix to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of July, in the ninth year of his Majesty's Reign, George, King of Great Britain &c. Anno Domini One thousand, seven hundred and twenty-three.

WILLIAM HOPKINS.

Witnesses,

RICHARD BROWN,
JOHN HOYLE,
RICHARD WATERMAN, JR.

WILL OF ABIGAIL HOPKINS, WIDOW OF MAJ. WILLIAM HOPKINS.

I Abigail Hopkins, of Providence, in the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations; widow: being now very sick and weak of body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory; praise be given to God for the same; calling to mind the mortality of my body and not knowing how soon it may please God to remove me out of this present world; do make this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following.

First and principally I commit my spirit into the merciful hands of Almighty God, my Creator, and my body I commit to the Earth, to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter named; and as to the outward and worldly estate the Lord has been pleased to bless me with in this present life I give and bequeath as followeth.

Imprimis — I give and bequeath unto my three children; John Dexter, William Hopkins and Abigail Field, forty shillings apiece, to be taken out of that money that is due to me from the proprietors of Providence, for services done by my husband; and as to the remaining part of said money due to me by said proprietors, which I suppose to be about three pounds, I give to my grandson William Hopkins.

Item I give to my daughter Abigail Field, my biggest

Brass Kettle; and my least Iron Kettle I give to my granddaughter, Abigail Dexter.

Item I give to my grandson William Hopkins, all the rest of my brass and iron household stuff, and my two cows and the one third part of my Pewter that is marked W H A: and the other two thirds of said Pewter that is so marked, I give to my two granddaughters, Hope Hopkins and Abigail Hopkins, to be equally divided betwixt them.

Item I give to my granddaughter Abigail Dexter three plates of my Pewter, not marked; and all the remaining part of my Pewter not marked, I give to my daughter Abigail Field, and I also give unto my said daughter, Abigail Field, my Napkins and Table Cloth, being six Napkins and one Table Cloth.

Item I give to my daughter Abigail Field, my Bed Curtains, and pillow and bolster case, and my Trunk and Box, and great chair standing in the outward room, and two small chairs.—And I give my great Chest unto my grandson Stephen Dexter.

Item I give my Bed unto my granddaughter, Abigail Hopkins.

Item I give to my daughter Abigail Field, two pairs of Linen Sheets and two pairs of pillow cases, and one pair of flannel sheets, and all my wearing apparel.

Item I give to my two granddaughters, Hope Hopkins

and Abigail Hopkins, each of them, a pair of linen sheets, and each a pair of Pillow Cases.

Item I give to my granddaughter Abigail Dexter, one pair of linen sheets and one pair of Pillow Cases.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son William Hopkins, my case of Bottles with the case they are in.

And as to the rest and remaining part of my estate that I have not hereinbefore disposed of, after all my debts, funeral charges and other expenses are duly paid, what then after remains, I give to my grandson William Hopkins, with my husband's, his grandfather's silver buttons for a shirt.

And I do name and ordaine, appoint and make my said grandson William Hopkins, sole Executor to this my last Will and Testament; to receive and pay all my debts and execute my Will according to the contents thereof.

In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal the 16th day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred and twenty-five.

· ABIGAIL HOPKINS her A marke

Signed, sealed, pronounced and declared
in presence of
JAMES OLNEY
JOB HARRIS
RICHARD WATERMAN JR.

WILL OF WILLIAM HOPKINS, SON OF MAJ. WILLIAM AND ABIGAIL HOPKINS.

In the name of God, Amen. This Eleventh of June, in the twelfth year of his Majesty's reign, George the Second King of Great Britain, A. D. 1738. I, William Hopkins, of Scituate, in the County of Providence, in the Colony of Rhode Island, yeoman, being very sick and weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory (thanks be to God for it) and calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing it is appointed for man once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following: that is to say, principally, and first of all my soul I recommend into the hands of God that gave it & my body to the earth to be buried in decent christian burial at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this present life, I give, demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form :

Imprimis, I give to my three sons, namely, William Hopkins, Stephen Hopkins and John Hopkins, five shillings each, and the reason that I give them no more is I have given them sufficient already

Item, I give to my two youngest sons, namely, Esek Hopkins and Samuel Hopkins, one Gun, one log chain, and one Horse, and likewise all my working tools besides, to be equally divided between them two.

Item, I give to my two sons, namely, Esek Hopkins and Samuel Hopkins, all my wearing apparel after my decease.

Item, I give to my two younger daughters, namely, Abigail Hopkins and Susannah Hopkins, my two trunks and all that is in them, except my papers, to be equally divided between them.

Item, I give to my daughter, Susannah Hopkins, my Bed and Bedding whereon I used to lie, namely two pairs of sheets, one pair of flannel and one pair of linen, three blankets, and two rugs, one bolster and one pillow.

Item, I give to my three daughters namely, Hope Harris & Abigail Hopkins and Susannah Hopkins, Forty Pounds in money to be paid to each of them in one year after my decease.

Item, and all the rest of my money and goods, I give and bequeath to my two younger sons, namely, Esek Hopkins and Samuel Hopkins, to be equally divided between them two. And I do nominate and appoint my son in law, Henry Harris to be my sole Executor to this my last Will and Testament, and in confirmation I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the day and year above written.

WILLIAM HOPKINS [L. S.]

In the presence of us
EZEKIEL HOPKINS.
JOHN EVANS,
JABEZ BOWEN.

WILL OF GOV. STEPHEN HOPKINS.

The last Will and Testament of Stephen Hopkins, of Providence, at the County of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Esquire, made and published in Providence this Twentieth day of May, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eighty One, Witnesseth. That I give unto my daughter Lydia Tillinghast, One Third part of my upper Garden, to be taken off on the North Side, and of Equal Breadth at Each End, to be and Remain unto her and her Heirs forever.

I give to my granddaughter, Hannah Burrough, my Two Lots of Land at Tockquotton to be and Remain to her and her heirs forever.

I give to my son Rufus Hopkins, my Dwelling House where I now live, with the Out Houses and Garden, and Twelve Acres of Land in Providence Neck. . . . I also give unto him my Part of the Furnace Hope, and of all Such Lands as have been purchased for and belong to the Furnace Estate, with my Part of the Iron Ore in Cranston, and of the Land in which it Lies, together with my part of the Buildings, Materials and Utensils to the said Furnace belonging, and all my part of the Air Furnace, and of all the Apparatus for making, Forming and boring Cannon, and my part of all the Cannon and other iron on Hand at about the Furnace. . . .

I also give unto my son Rufus Hopkins, Three Hundred Acres of Land in Gloucester, all which I give unto him and to his Heirs forever, together with all Moneys and Securities for Money belonging to the Furnace Estate, and my Gold Watch, he paying all my Just Debts and Such Legacies as I shall hereinafter give and make, so that my moveable and personal Estate in Providence be not charged.

I give unto my Beloved Wife, Anne Hopkins, the Use and Improvement of one Half of my Dwelling House and Gardens, and Twelve Acres of Land in the Neck, during her Life, together with the Use and Improvement of the Half of my Household Goods and personal Property in Providence during her Life, and after her Decease to go and remain to her Daughter Amey Russell.

I give to my Daughter in Law, Ruth Hopkins, widow of my son George Hopkins, One Thousand Dollars in Silver, being Money which belonged to him and which he Ordered that she should have.

And I also give unto her the use of the Other Half of my Dwelling House, Gardens, and Twelve Acres of Land in the Neck during her Widowhood, and I give her the other half of my Household Goods and personal Property in Providence.

I give to my Daughter in Law, Amey Russell*, as much money as will purchase a good Feather Bed and its Furniture.

*Amy Russell was the second wife of Joseph Russell, and a daughter of the governor's second wife by her first husband, Benjamin Smith.

I give to all my Negroes their Freedom, to take place immediately with Respect to those who shall be of Age, and of the others, the Males at Twenty One and the Females at Eighteen years of Age.

I make and ordain my Son Rufus Hopkins Executor of this my Will, whom I Request and Desire to take the Care and Oversight of my Family, and supply them from Time to Time with Money and Such other Things as they may want for their Support in a Decent manner.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year aforewritten.

STEPHEN HOPKINS

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the said Stephen Hopkins to be his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who at his Request and in the presence of Each other have signed as Witnesses.

JOHN BROWN
JOHN ROGERS
SILAS DOWNER

Copy of a letter written by Governor Hopkins when in attendance at the first session of the Continental Congress, at Philadelphia, to his son's wife, kindly furnished by Charles W. Hopkins, of Norwich.

PHILADELPHIA, June 21, 1775.

BELOVED RUTH.

I wrote you on the 25th of May and gave you an account of our journey hither. Since then I have had an ill turn and two or three fits of fever and ague, but am now well. Your mother has not been well for several days and is now quite poorly. I hope she will soon be better. George, I expected to have seen here but believe he has gone to South Carolina. Col. Washington will set out from here in a day or two for New England to take the command of the Continental Army of which he is appointed Commander in Chief. He will be accompanied by Gen. Lee, who also has a command in the army which is taken into the pay of all America.

I can give no guess yet when we shall leave this place, certainly not very soon, unless we adjourn to the Northward, which is talked of but not agreed to yet.

Give my love to all parts of the family, and respects to all who may ask after me. Should be glad to hear from you, and remain your

Affectionate Father

STEPHEN HOPKINS

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